

Volunteer Opportunities



Snore and S'mores

Saturday, Aug. 9, 4 – 8:30 p.m.
Aviara Community Park
6435 Ambrosia Lane

Can you imagine pitching your tent in a city park? How cool is that? Carlsbad families do just that at the overnight adventure Snore and S'mores. Help families enjoy the movie-themed games, the dinner and, of course, the s'mores. To learn more, contact Natalie at Natalie.Alegre@carlsbadca.gov or call 760-602-7511.

CERT volunteers helped at numerous locations during the fire.

It happened. The Poinsettia Fire was the first major incident that involved full activation of the Carlsbad Community Emergency Response Team. Fifty-seven members responded and were involved a wide variety of activities.

- Emergency Operations Center subcommittee worked to ensure EOC was ready for operations



CERT member Jim Carr updates status board at EOC on first day of fire.

- Web EOC scribes
- Geographic Information System support
- Emergency supplies logistical support and transport
- Shelter support
- Temporary Evacuation Point management
- Base camp support
- First aid, access and functional needs assistance at TEP and shelter
- Hot spot reporting to Carlsbad Fire Department
- Neighbor-helping-neighbor assistance
- Co-chairs of Ready Carlsbad Business Alliance that provided recovery assistance to fire victims

Nikki Neal was one of the CERT members who took a lead role. She was the Incident Coordinator at the



Nikki Neal stands in front of the Carlsbad Safety Center where she received her CERT training.

Temporary Evacuation Point. With the help of other CERT members Nikki remembered, "We opened the TEP at 12:10 p.m. The

first evacuees arrived around 1 p.m."

The CERT team kept evacuees up-to-date with accurate information and worked quickly to make them as safe and comfortable as possible. Nikki realized the punishing 100+ degree heat could cause dehydration. She made sure that water and food were provided for evacuees and CERT members. In all, CERT volunteers at the TEP served 329 people and 50 pets that day.

Nikki stayed until the last evacuee was taken care of. She reflected, "My training taught me to harness back the adrenaline, control it and refocus it." Click to sign up for CERT.

Fire Explorers exemplify pride, hustle, and discipline after Poinsettia Fire



Fire Explorer Justin Volpe

Fred Gates

three words: Pride, Hustle and Discipline," Justin explained. "It is our goal to make sure we have

- Pride (not only respect for your actions, but respect for others' actions)
- Hustle (giving 100 percent all of the time)
- Discipline (doing the right thing even when no one is watching)"

High schooler Justin Volpe joined Carlsbad's Fire Explorer program two years ago. After passing the requisite agility test, written exam and interview, he attended a four-month academy. Today, Justin holds several leadership roles. He also does two 12-hour ride-alongs each month with Station 2 firefighters, with whom he has formed a tight bond. He says, "I am extremely happy to be in this program."

Experience in Fire Explorer Post helps young people decide if a career in the fire service is right for them. For Jason, his career decision has been made.



Firefighters at base camp staging area.

Around Carlsbad

Proper disposal of old, worn, tattered, frayed and/or faded U.S. flags

Carlsbad residents have two drive-up, drop-off locations where they can leave tattered American flags for a proper retirement. The Carlsbad Fire Department's drop boxes – painted fire engine red and clearly labeled for flags – are located near the book drop at the Dove Library in La Costa, and at the Cole Library next to the drive-up book return. Both boxes can be used at any time.



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Paul and Diana Hagerty are a powerhouse pickleball team.

Play Pickleball

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. It is played with a paddle and plastic ball on a badminton-sized court. Play at Calavera Gym Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. and Sundays 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Call 760-434-2971 to confirm availability. There is a \$3 fee.

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Volunteer Program
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To expand your volunteer involvement citywide,
contact Sue Irey, volunteer coordinator
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"We want to teach young men and women the basic skills of the fire service and also make them stronger, better people."

The incredible devastation caused by a fire becomes obvious when the smoke clears. The Poinsettia Fire gave the Carlsbad Fire Explorer Post a chance to move into action to assist their firefighter mentors with clean-up. The Explorer Post gives people, ages 15 to 21, hands-on experience with their local fire departments.

Base camp for 285 firefighters from all over the state – including 25 strike teams – was set up in the Carlsbad Safety Training Center. After they were gone, the Explorers helped Parks and Recreation staff and CERT volunteers

- clean, inventory and store cots
- palletize and pack water bottles
- take loads of perishable food to a homeless shelter
- clean and sort hoses

Explorer Justin Volpe says they were happy to do it. "In the Fire Explorer program we live by